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The Mechanicsburg Defense Activities Quality Committee is hosting a presentation, "Moving at the Speed of Change," by Charles "Skip" Pettit Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Special Events Forum in building 14.

This workshop, including a multimedia presentation, speech, and group exercises, will help you maintain a positive, proactive attitude in all the roles you play in your life, whether at work or at home, in an increasingly dynamic and complex world, planners report.

Pettit has been a professional training consultant for 25 years and is the founder and president of International Training Consortium, Inc. He holds a master's in education and an advanced graduate degree in psychiatric vocational rehabilitation. He has offered a wide variety of training to numerous government agencies, including terrorism training for the Department of State and work force diversity at the Department of Energy. He is also the host of a weekly one-hour talk radio show, on Washington Business Radio, called "Tactical Dialogue—Success Strategies For the 21st Century,"

NAVSUP names its top performers



**Dale Criswell, NAVSUP
Executive of the Year**



NAVSUP NSSO Team members include, from left, Linda Sutphin, Linda Shutt, CAPT Walt Paskey, CAPT Jane Tant, and Jacqueline Norbrey. Also on the team are CAPT Les Dunlap, stationed on the West Coast, and Elizabeth Brocious of SUP Contracting.



**Andre St. Omer Roy,
NAVSUP Employee of the
Year**



**Jane McMullen, NAVSUP
Supervisor/Team Leader of
the Year**

The Naval Supply Systems Command recognized outstanding performers recently at its Employee Recognition Day.

Dale Criswell, NAVSUP's Director of the Programming and Budget Division, was recognized for contributions in managing One Touch Financial, the Navy Budgeting Systems, and Revolutionizing

Business Affairs. According to a letter from RADM Keith Lippert, Commander of NAVSUP, Criswell was "invaluable in developing the command's strategy to meet the Navy's \$5 billion modernization wedge. Your outstanding leadership has left a positive imprint on the NAVSUP organization."

The NAVSUP Supervisor/Team Leader of the Year is Jane McMullen, Deputy Director, Food Service Division.

"As a supervisor, your oversight of the Navy Food Service Reengineering Initiative has been exemplary. As you spearheaded various prototypes in galley design and Advance Food Technology, you and your organization continuously focused on the health, nutrition, and morale of the Sailor," stated a letter from

RADM Lippert.

Andre St. Omer Roy is NAVSUP's Employee of the Year. St. Omer Roy is a

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The Food Service Division, Fleet Support Directorate, received the Community Service team award on NAVSUP Recognition Day. Members of the team include, front row, from left, Bill Lingle, MSC Joe Sneed, MSCS Robert Winn, Jane McMullen, Patsy Graham, Andrea Andrasi, and Deborah Danner. The second row includes Nick Spengler, MSCM (SW) Michael Neff, Aaron Morrison, Barbara Propester, Pam Beward, and LT Charles Sexton. Others assisting in the volunteer events were CDR Frank Lindell, LCDR Mike Kelly, Jane Kelly, Doug Eakin, Vickie Zeis, Nanci Bowers, Sherry Johnson, Susan Moyer, LCDR Alan Siewertsen, Carol Spurry, Lt. Col. Donald McLean, Beverley Singson, PCC (SW) Noel Delos Santos, YNC Cindi Reese, Sue Lingo, Scott Lingo, and Michelle Meckley. Also a key part of the group was the late Curt Littleton.



Receiving Community Service Awards were, clockwise from top, Crystal Kerns, Deputy Commander for EEO; Roxanne Hauman of Corporate Planning, Corporate Management Directorate; and Lula Crittenden of the NAVSUP IG team.

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Top performers

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program manager in the Logistics Systems Development/Maintenance Division of the Fleet Logistics Operations Directorate. "Your exemplary efforts in DSS CONUS Implementation, Material Financial Control System and Tandem Elimination are especially worthy of note," according to the letter from RADM Lippert.

The NAVSUP Team of the Year is the Navy Strategic Sourcing Office team. NAVSUP employees on the team are CAPT Walt Paskey, CAPT Jane Tant, CAPT Les Dunlap, Elizabeth Brocius, Jacqueline Norbrey, Linda Sutphin, and Linda Shutt. The team was "instrumental in the successful achievement of the NAVSUP Strategic Sourcing goals.... [saving] for NAVSUP and other major claimants ...[exceeded] \$300 million," according to a letter from RADM Lippert.

Also recognized were three individuals and one team for their community service. Roxanne Hauman, a program analyst in the Corporate Planning Division of the Corporate Management Directorate; Crystal Kerns, Command Deputy EEO Officer/Program Manager EEO; and Lula Crittenden of NAVSUP's IG team were recognized for outstanding volunteer services to a number of community organizations.

The NAVSUP Food Service Division received the team

community service award for their work in supporting Adult Special Olympics, providing Easter baskets for children, baskets of toiletries for a local battered women's shelter, and collecting coats and blankets at Christmas for the Bethesda Mission. Team members included CDR Frank Lindell, Jane McMullen, LCDR Mike Kelly, Jane Kelly, Doug Eakin, MSC Joe Sneed, Vickie Zeis, Nanci Bowers, MSCM (SW) Michael Neff, Sherry Johnson, MSCS Robert Winn, Deborah Danner, LT Charles Sexton, Susan Moyer, Pam Beward, Andrea Andrasi, LCDR Alan Siewertsen, Carol Spurry, Lt. Col. Donald McLean, Bill Lingle, Nick Spengler, Barbara Propester, Patsy Graham, Aaron Morrison, Beverley Singson, PCC (SW) Noel Delos Santos, YNC Cindi Reese, Sue Lingo, Scott Lingo, and Michelle Meckley. Also a key part of the group was the late Curt Littleton.

SAM wins Government Executive acquisition award

The Naval Supply Systems Command's Service member Arranged Move Program (SAM) was recently named as one of the winners of the Business Solutions in the Public Interest Awards.

Government Executive magazine, along with the Council for Excellence in Government and the Office of Procurement Policy, recognizes government people and programs that provide business solutions aimed at achieving agencies' results-based strategic goals.

The SAM program is designed to increase service members' involvement in the household goods movement process and to improve the pro-

New master chief aboard

The selection of Master Chief Mess Management Specialist (Surface Warfare) James H. Smith as the next CNO-Directed Command Master Chief for the Naval Supply Systems Command was announced recently by RADM Keith W. Lippert, Commander, NAVSUP.

MSCM (SW) Smith relieved AKCM (AW) Edward Kyle upon his transfer to AIRLANT.

"Master Chief Smith is a highly accomplished Master Chief Petty Officer and has the breadth of experience that makes him extremely well qualified to undertake the responsibilities of this demanding assignment," writes RADM Lippert in a Sept. 5 Flash from the Commander.

Smith brings 23 years of experience to his new position. In addition to his latest assignment as Command Master Chief, USS *Peleliu* (LHA 5), he has served afloat as Command Master Chief aboard USS *Rentz* (FFG 46), and on USS *Bristol County* (LST 1198), USS *Elliot*

(DD 967), and USS *Berkeley* (DDG 15).

His ashore tours have included Naval Station Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines; Naval Station San Diego, Calif.; SUPSHIP Pascagoula, Miss.; and Naval Air Weapons Station, Point Mugu, Calif. En route to USS *Rentz*, he completed the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, R.I.

As a CNO-Directed Command Master Chief, Smith will provide headquarters representation for the nearly 24,000 members of the supply enlisted community.



Submarine Centennial history

Sept. 30, 1954 — USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571) is commissioned in Groton, Conn. USS *Nautilus* was the world's first nuclear-powered submarine.

cess by applying commercial household goods movement practices. It gives service members direct input in selecting the carriers that move their household goods, gives them in-transit visibility of the shipments, and most important, full value repair and replacement protection for lost and broken items.

SAM represents an important quality of life improvement for military members in the movement of their household goods. Through August 2000, more than 5,000 customers used the SAM program with 95 percent indicating they were satisfied with their moving experience.

Damage claims also dropped dramatically with

SAM. The number of claims went down five percent, and the average dollar value was reduced by 50 percent.

SAM streamlines the administrative process through use of the Government Purchase Card and direct claims settlement through the carrier. Plus, the carrier provides full value protection for lost or damaged household goods items. Customer satisfaction is measured by service members completing surveys after each move.

SAM is available to service members moving from Bremerton and Whidbey Island, Wash.; San Diego, Calif.; Norfolk, Va.; and Groton, Conn., to anywhere in the continental U.S.



On its way overseas...

Brad Morrissey, above, left, Dave Varner, and Cheryl LaMaster of the Naval Support Activity see that old child-sized equipment is moved out of the former Child Development Center location and delivered to the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna. At DDSP, Varner and Morrissey deliver cots to Dale Darr and Joe Mrljak, right, for crating for the journey overseas. See story.

Kid-sized equipment to get second life in overseas schools

Old toys, cribs, and cots will soon be making their way overseas to youngsters in either Central or South America. Child-sized chairs and tables along with wall units and storage cabinets will also be on the shipping list.

The equipment came out of the old Child Development Center, which has acquired new equipment for use at its new location.

The effort that will send the equipment overseas involves workers in the Naval Support Activity, the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, and the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna.

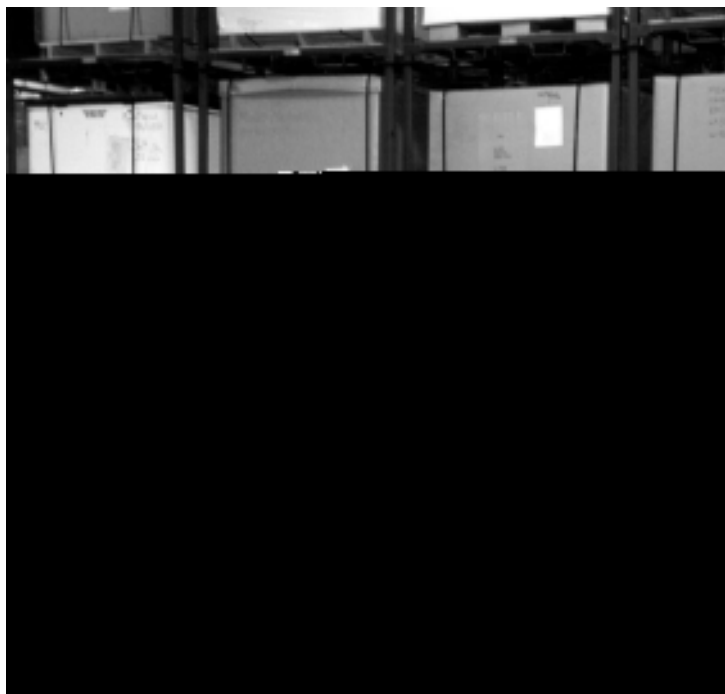
The availability of the old equipment has been reported to the Humanitarian Assis-

tance Project run by the Defense Department. The project makes it available to requesters from such countries as Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Bolivia, Haiti, or Belize.

"It's unusual for us to get furniture that children can use," said Dale Darr of DDSP. "And we have long-standing requests for materials like this for schools in these countries."

With the closure of the old Child Development Center, Naval Support Activity representatives notified DRMO that the child-sized equipment was available.

DRMO officials then turned it over to DDSP, which is handling the packing and forwarding of the equipment to the overseas schools.



NAVSUP/NAVICP/FMSO/NALC

Naval Logistics Conference preview coming Oct. 5-6

The Naval Logistics Conference (NLC) and Exposition 2000 will be held Nov. 14-16, in Norfolk, Va.

The Naval Supply Systems Command is sponsoring eight command exhibits displaying NAVSUP and NAVSUP claimancy programs, services and initiatives.

A preview showing of the NAVSUP NLC 2000 exhibits will be open on Oct. 5-6 in the

Naval Support Activity Special Events Forum, building 14.

Exhibit hours are Thursday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 6, 8 a.m. to noon.

The display booths will include NAVSUP Corporate, NAVSUP Quality of Life, NAVICP, FMSO, NEXCOM, FOSSAC, NAVTRANS, NAVPETOFF, FISC, and NALC programs.

News from the DECC

The Defense Enterprise Computing Center Mechanicsburg bids a fond farewell and best wishes to Mike Neason, a FMSO employee who is assigned to the DECC, on his retirement.

Condolences to Susanne Sardino on the recent death of her father-in-law.

The Used Book Sale to ben-

efit the Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Federal Employees Leadership Association is still going on during lunchtime in the building 309 hallway near the link to building 308.

If you have news for this column, please send an e-mail to Barb Quinn, DECCWE2.

DARPA researchers work to speed up Internet

By Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem, USA, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 — DoD researchers are working to make Internet connections 1,000 times faster than they are today, which will open up amazing new possibilities for using the Internet.

"Today's Internet does amazing things," said Mari Maeda, project officer for the <http://www.arpa.mil/> Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. "But compared to what it could do, it's really only the tip of the iceberg."

"The Internet has changed the way we live, the way we shop," she continued. "Once we have this new technology in place, and as the Internet evolves, we will be able to do all sorts of new things that are just outside the realm of our imagination today."

Maeda said performance and speed are the main limitations to today's Internet. A person using a high-speed corporate network might download web pages at speeds of millions of bits per second, but a home user might get only one-tenth or one-hundredth of that speed, she said.

"What we are trying to do is increase that speed by 1,000 times. That will enable you to do tremendous things," she said. For instance, Maeda explained, today's Internet allows users to download digital photographs, but the Internet of the future would allow doctors to share x-ray images, which require much higher resolution, in real time.

She said such an advanced new Internet would have "all sorts of applications" in crisis management, the medical and entertainment professions, and the military. The new Internet would also allow more people to use it at one time, Maeda added.

DARPA researchers are currently working on prototypes of new software and hardware that would enable this high-speed network. They are also working on a test of the new system. Maeda said the test, called "SuperNet" and in its third year, links two or three dozen sites.

"This is not a replacement for the Internet," she said. "It's a network-growth experiment so that researchers can basically field, test and experiment with their new software and hardware and try them out."

Volunteering



Day of Caring volunteers take on assignments at equestrian center...

Installation volunteers join other Day of Caring workers for assignments at the New Day Equestrian Center, home of the Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association, a United Way agency serving people who are physically and/or mentally challenged from ages 2 to 72 in the central Pennsylvania area. CATRA gives people with physical, mental, and/or developmental disabilities the experience of horseback riding through an individualized training program. The principal benefit for each rider is therapeutic: riding improves balance, strengthens trunk and leg muscles, and increases coordination and motor planning skills. In addition, riding provides an opportunity for a handicapped person to develop confidence and a sense of self-worth through participation in an athletic activity.

2000 holiday season mailing dates announced

The Naval Supply Systems Command Postal Policy Division in concert with the U. S. Postal Service and military postal officials from all of the services note that it's not too early to mail your 2000 Christmas cards and packages to and from military addresses overseas.

In fact, everyone is encouraged to beat the last minute rush and take holiday mail and packages to the nearest U.S. Post Office or APO/FPO military post office by the suggested dates listed

below.

For military mail addressed to APO and FPO addresses the suggested mailing date for air letters/cards and priority is Dec. 11.

For parcel airlift and space available the date is Dec. 4, and for surface mail the date is Nov. 6.

For mail destined for all U.S. Domestic ZIP Codes the date is Dec. 11 for both air letters/cards and priority mail. The date is Dec. 8 for space available mail.

More money for some on payday

Philadelphia (Human Resources Service Center Northeast) — If you have Federal Employees Health Benefits premiums withheld from your pay, then a new program from the Office of Personnel Management will increase your paycheck beginning in October.

You may have heard of "premium conversion." It is a "pre-tax" arrangement, meaning that the part of your salary that goes for health insurance premiums will become nontaxable. This means that you save on federal income tax and FICA taxes (Social Security and Medicare taxes). In most cases, you'll also save on state income tax and local income tax.

How much?

You save a percentage of your premium. If your annual premium is \$1800, and you pay 35 percent in taxes on that amount of salary, you save 35 percent of \$1800. That's \$630, or \$24.23 every two weeks.

Do I have to pay a tax later?

No. Don't confuse premium conversion with the deferred taxation of Thrift Savings Plan contributions, which are taxed when you receive the money.

How do I sign up?

The payroll office will make the switch automatically. You don't need to fill out a form. You do have a choice, though, to waive premium conversion despite the savings. It's a personal decision.

Employees who wish to waive participation in premium conversion, please complete the FEHB Premium Conversion Waiver/Election form. This form is available through the HRSC-NE at the FEHB HOTLINE Phone Numbers DSN 243 or CM 215/408-5262 or 4449 or by e-mailing benefits_ne@ne.hroc.navy.mil. Upon completion, the Waiver/Election form must be mailed to the Human Resources Service Center NE, Code 51.1, 111 South Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA 19106-2598. (Some local HROs may accept completed forms for forwarding to the HRSC-NE. Check with your local HRO for details. Please note however that direct mailing is the preferred method.)

FORMS MUST BE RECEIPTED IN THE HRSC-NE BY COB OCT. 6, 2000, IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTED OCT. 8, 2000.

Why would I not want the tax savings?

It's possible but extremely unlikely. The potential reasons fall under two headings: Flexibility and Social Security.

Flexibility: An employee participating in premium conversion generally has all the same flexibility as a person who chooses not to participate. Because of the tax laws, there are two exceptions. If you waive premium conversion you will have the flexibility, without giving

any reason whatsoever, either to drop your health insurance altogether or change from a self and family enrollment to self only. If you are participating in premium conversion, you will be allowed to drop coverage, or change to self only, only if your decision to do so comes at the same time of a "qualifying life event," such as when you get married or your spouse gets a job that covers you under his or her health insurance. This flexibility is generally of little or no value compared to the tax savings of premium conversion.

Social Security. If you pay Social Security taxes on your salary, then premium conversion may result in somewhat lower Social Security benefits. In rare situations, it may be advantageous to pay full Social Security taxes rather than the lower Social Security taxes you pay under premium conversion.

These unusual cases do not involve employees covered by the old Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or the CSRS Offset plan.

If you are covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) and you pay no federal income tax, you may wish to investigate further.

In any case, this is a decision only you can make. If you want to waive premium conversion, you will need to complete an election form.

Where can I get more information?

Additional information is available online at www.opm.gov, or you may call the FEHB Hotline Phone Numbers DSN 243 or Commercial (215) 408-4431 or 4449 or send an e-mail to: benefits_ne@ne.hroc.navy.mil.

Mechanicsburg Complex Choir lists rehearsals

The Mechanicsburg Complex Choir will be starting to rehearse for its annual Holiday Program to be held in December.

The rehearsals will be held in the former Executive Dining Room in the building 311 cafeteria.

Times are noon to 12:30 p.m. Dates are Oct. 11, 12, 17, 24; Nov. 1, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 28, 29, 30; and Dec. 5 and 6.

"It is not necessary to attend all the rehearsals. If you enjoy singing, just select the times you can attend and come to those rehearsals," said Tracy Matthews, who directs the choir.

Dress rehearsals are set for Dec. 11 and 12 in building 14 from noon to 1 p.m.

The Holiday Program performance will be held Wednesday, Dec. 13, in building 14 at 1 p.m.

For further information, contact Matthews at Ext. 7414.

USNS Benavidez honors Army hero

By Gerry J. Gilmore, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (Navy Wire Service) — The late Roy P. Benavidez, who received the Medal of Honor in 1981 for valor in Vietnam, is the latest soldier whose name will be borne by a Navy ship.

Navy Secretary Richard Danzig announced Sept. 15 that the next in a series of resupply ships will be named USNS *Benavidez* (T-AKR 306). The retired Army master sergeant died at age 63 on Nov. 29, 1998, in Texas. He was buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

Broadcasts feature Navy

The following are national broadcasts featuring the Navy: Saturday, Sept. 30, 2 p.m., History Channel, The Great Ships: The Special Warfare Craft.

Monday, Nov. 6-9, 9 p.m., History Channel, The Battle History of the Navy (four parts).

Times are EDT.

Ads

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Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna	CAPTC.R. McKelvey, SC, USN
Fleet Material Support Office.....	CAPT M.S. Roesner, SC, USN
Naval Sea Logistics Center.....	CAPT P.J. Masters, SC, USN
Defense Enterprise Computing Center.....	CAPT W.B. Short, SC, USN
Naval Ammunition Logistics Center...	CAPT A.A. Banghart, SC, USN
Naval Support Activity Mech.....	CAPT D.A. Higgins, SC, USN

ITT to hold Book Fair

The Information, Tickets and Tours (ITT) Office has a Book Fair and a shopping trip coming up soon.

Book Fair

An ITT Holiday Book Fair at the building 311 cafeteria is set for Oct. 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Oct. 17 from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Oct. 18 from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Savings of 40-70 percent on hardcover books are listed for an assortment of children's/cookbooks/educational/gardening/best sellers/arts & crafts/history/nature/cultural/sports volumes as well as games and albums.

Shopping

Holiday shopping at one of the world's largest outlet malls is set for Monday, Oct. 9.

Sign up for this ITT trip to Potomac Mills and receive coupons worth \$250 for use at many of the 220 stores in the mall.

Trip cost is \$15/person.

Escort Interest

The ITT invites any interested employee to participate in its Tour/Event Escort Program. Tour escorts need to be friendly, outgoing, enthusiastic, and responsible. Escorts must be able to handle problems, sometimes be assertive while handling these problems, make quick decisions, and give directions. In addition, escorts need to handle people and complaints while maintaining their own tempers at times. After hours training will be required.

For more information, call Ext. 2297 or send an e-mail message regarding your interest to Cathy Cohen Spaulding by Friday, Oct. 13.

Office hours

The ITT Office, building 310, is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Its hours Mondays and Fridays are 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At a glance...

- Oct. 1 Fiscal Year '01 begins
- Oct. 5-6 Naval Logistics Conference preview. See Page 4.
- Oct. 6 Deadline for Oct. 13 Supplier, noon. POC: Barb Pearce, X3565.
- Oct. 7 CFC Council-sponsored volunteer activity. POC: Kim Labenberg, X8491.
- Oct. 8 Fire Prevention Week begins
- Oct. 9 Columbus Day holiday
- Oct. 9 Potomac Mills Outlet Shopping. See ITT story.
- Oct. 9-15 National Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Week. Story next issue.
- Oct. 10 & 12 CPR for Adult Patients Class. To register, call Clarence Souders, X6132, or send him an e-mail.
- Oct. 11 ALMECH Food Service Welcome Back Celebration at the 311 Cafeteria, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring Reunion Jazz Ensemble. See Page 7.
- Oct. 13 Navy Birthday
- Oct. 14 Officers' Spouses' Club yard sale. See Classified Ads.
- Oct. 14 Hershey Bears vs. Phila. Hockey, Hersheypark Arena, 7 p.m., \$11. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. A \$13.50/ticket value.
- Oct. 16-18 ITT Holiday Book Fair at 311 cafeteria. See story.
- Oct. 17 Mech. Federal Employees Leadership Assn. luncheon. POC: Roxy Gabel, X5809.
- Oct. 23 Deadline for Oct. 27 Supplier, noon. POC: Barb Pearce, X3565.
- Oct. 28 Atlantic City Casino Day, \$20/person. Includes casino package. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office.
- Oct. 29 Hershey Bears vs. Portland Hockey, Hersheypark Arena, 6 p.m., \$10. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. A \$13.50/ticket value.
- Oct. 31 National Quality Month event. See Page 1.
- Nov. 1 The Black Watch and Band/Choir of the Prince of Wales' Division, Hersheypark Arena, 7:30 p.m., \$21.75/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Ticket cost represents a \$2/ticket savings plus \$3 handling fee.
- Nov. 4 Divas on Ice, Hersheypark Arena, 8 p.m., \$66/\$42.50/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. A \$3-\$7/ticket savings.
- Nov. 5 Hershey Bears vs. Lowell Hockey, Hersheypark Arena, 6 p.m., \$10. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. A \$13.50/ticket value.
- Nov. 9 Marine Corps Birthday Cake-cutting Ceremony, 10:30 a.m., following the Veterans Day Ceremony. POC: MSgt. Lisa Borbe, X2112.
- Nov. 14-16 Naval Logistics Conference, "High Yield & Precision Logistics," Marriott Waterside, Norfolk, Va. Conducted by ASNE and SOLE with the Navy and Marine Corps. Visit www.nlc2000.org.
- Dec. 8 Alabama - Holiday Show, Hersheypark Arena, 8 p.m., \$36.50/person. Payment required at sign up at ITT Office. Cost represents \$3/ticket processing fee savings.
- Dec. 13 Mechanicsburg Complex Choir Program. See Page 6.

Entries sought for prestigious Arleigh Burke Essay Contest

By the U.S. Naval Institute
ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Navy Wire Service) — Of the nine annual essay and photo contests sponsored by the U.S. Naval Institute, none equals the Arleigh Burke Essay Contest in prestige. Originally titled the General Prize Essay Contest when it began in 1879, the competition was renamed in honor of "31-Knot Burke" in 1985.

The contest is open to anyone, but essay topics must relate to the mission of the U.S. Naval Institute: "The advancement of professional, literary, and scientific knowledge in the naval and maritime services, and the advancement of the knowledge of sea power."

Previous winners of the competition read like a Who's Who of naval history: Commander Alfred Thayer Mahan, Lieutenant Charles Belknap, Professor Phillip R. Alger, and Rear Admiral Stephen B. Luce. Adding to the allure, the top three essayists receive prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 accompanied by gold, silver and bronze medals, respectively. The winning entries are published in the annual Naval Review issue of Proceedings magazine.

Qualifying submissions must be original, unpublished works of not more than 3,500 words. Footnotes and text accompanying graphic elements are not considered in the word count. Complete rules can be obtained from the Naval Institute's web site, www.usni.org, or by calling (410) 295-1058.

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 1.